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P R E F A C E.

THIS volume comprises the record of the nine stated meetings held during the calendar year 1905. In it will be found a large number of hitherto unpublished documents, among which are the letters of Edmund Pendleton and Mrs. John T. Kirkland and the extracts from the Memoirs of the Rev. Dr. John Pierce. Embodied in the communications of MR. NOBLE on the Boundary Disputes of Massachusetts and on Highway Robbery in Massachusetts, of MR. FORD on the Case of Samuel Shrimpton, and of the PRESIDENT on John Quincy Adams in the Twenty-second Congress, are also many original documents. Besides these there are important discussions on the Negro in America by G. STANLEY HALL, on Abraham Bishop and his Writings by MR. FRANKLIN B. DEXTER, by the PRESIDENT on Mr. Rhodes's fifth volume and Some Phases of the Civil War, and by MR. DUNNING on the authorship of Andrew Johnson's first annual message. The memoirs of deceased members, each of which is accompanied by a portrait, are of George F. Hoar by NATHANIEL PAINE and G. STANLEY HALL, of Walbridge A. Field by JOHN NOBLE,

Henry Lee by JOHN T. MORSE, Jr., John S. Brayton by WILLIAM W. CRAPO, Henry W. Taft by JAMES M. BARKER, and Uriel H. Crocker by SAMUEL S. SHAW.

At the meeting of the Society in January of this year the resignation of the Rev. Dr. YOUNG as Recording Secretary was received and accepted with regret. Elected at the Annual Meeting of 1883, as the successor of our greatly lamented associate GEORGE DEXTER, he was chairman *ex-officio* of the Committee for publishing the Proceedings for more than twenty-two years. Down to the end of 1889 the principal labor of preparing and publishing the successive volumes devolved on him. After the adoption of a new by-law and the appointment in that year of an editor of the Society's publications, the chairman was relieved of this duty and responsibility. It need not be said how admirably Dr. Young had discharged his increasingly onerous duties, and how greatly the Society was indebted to him. He was uniformly prompt, exact, and methodical and a sound and painstaking critic. The five volumes edited wholly or in larger part by him will always remain a monument of his industry, fidelity, and good judgment; and down to his resignation as Secretary he continued to take an active part in the work of the Committee.

For the Committee,

CHARLES C. SMITH.

Boston, March 10, 1906.